

Women in the Economy Commission - Minutes

Monday, September 29, 2014

1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Utah State Capitol Building –Salt Lake City

Commission: Senator Deidre Henderson, Senator Luz Robles, Representative Jennifer Seelig, Carrie Mayne, Ann Marie Thompson, Trina Eyring, Jennifer Robinson, Anne Burkholder, Judy Barnett

Excused: Speaker Rebecca Lockhart, Heather Barnum

Staff Support: Gail Tilson with additional support from Jen Jankowski

Attendees: Tami Pyfer, Kim Bartel and Dawn Stevenson

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| Welcome | Welcome (Representative Jennifer Seelig) | Thank you to Sen. Henderson for recommending moving to the capital building for this meeting. By being in this room, we are set up for streaming – both audio and video (on the DWS website). The meeting can be archived and is therefore a research tool. |
| Commission Business | Commission Business (Representative Jennifer Seelig) | Motion by Judy Barnett that last meeting's minutes be approved. Ann Marie Thompson seconded. Motion carried. |

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| Follow-up on Data Requests from Prior Meeting Regarding Fields of Study | Carrie Mayne | Data was pulled from Fields of Study and Fields of Degree, showing the breakdown of male to female. This was done to show how women's wages are affected. This study can be used for recommendations for policy. The next step is to take the data for wages and see how the field of study carries over to the field of occupation. |
| Presentation: Women in the Workforce | Presentation: Utah Futures (Tami Pyfer, Governor Herbert's Education Advisor, along with Kim Bartel and Dawn Stevenson) | <p>Utah Futures has a new website which can be tailored through a link specifically for girls and women. Funding for the site is crucial, as there is a serious lack of money to grow the site. This can be a real tool for the Commission.</p> <p>Rep. Seelig brought up how Utah Futures and the Commission could work together to help each other. She invited them back to explore this further.</p> |
| Presentation: Women and Entrepreneurship | Presentation: Ann Marie Thompson | 1 in 3 businesses is women-owned. These businesses in Utah are growing at 1 ½ times the national rate. Capital is probably the biggest challenge |

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| <p>Briefing on Interactions with DOL Women's Bureau</p> | <p>Representative Jennifer Seelig</p> <p>The United States Department of Labor Women's Bureau was established in 1920. Their mission is to formulate standards and policies which help promote the welfare of wage-earning women and improve their working conditions and increase their efficiency and advance opportunities for profitable employment.</p> | <p>women-owners find.</p> <p>The federal government is giving just 5 percent of money allocated for businesses to women. Women need to be the primary borrower instead of the secondary borrower.</p> <p>DOL Women's Bureau are interested in what we're doing. They have promised us resources and they want to know what data would be helpful to us.</p> <p>Rep. Seelig will be back east in the middle of October and will be meeting with them.</p> |
| <p>Introduce and Discuss Goals Matrix</p> | <p>Representative Jennifer Seelig</p> <p>This matrix was created by Carrie Mayne to do the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase public and government understanding of the current and future impact and needs of the state's women in the economy and how those needs may be most effectively and efficiently met. | <p>Carrie will transfer the matrix to a Google document where commission members can add and make changes to it.</p> |

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| <p>Schedule Meetings for Remainder of 2014</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Adjournment</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Identify and recommend implementation of specific policies, procedures and programs to respond to the rights, needs, and impact of women in the economy. 3. Facilitate coordination of the functions of private and public entities concerned with women in the economy. <p>Representative Jennifer Seelig/Carrie Mayne The Doodle Poll worked well in helping set up the time for this meeting. We will use that again.</p> <p>Reports / items to be distributed: please send them to Gail.</p> <p>Motion was made and carried to adjourn.</p> | <p>Line items which will be added to the matrix are low wages, challenges faced by women of color and worklife supports. She will also add a column for Opportunities for Learning.</p> <p>Commission members should email Gail by Friday (10/3) with times they are (or are not) available for upcoming meetings</p> <p>Gail Tilson will send out a Doodle Poll to determine the date and time of the next meeting.</p> |